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Decedent and Officer Identified in Fatal Police Pursuit in Montgomery County

BALTIMORE, MD (February 28, 2022) - The Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General has identified the decedent and involved officer in the fatal crash that occurred on February 26 in Montgomery County. The single-vehicle crash followed a police pursuit.

The decedent, who is a female, has been identified as 26-year-old Noraly Paz Chavez of Riverdale, Maryland.

The involved officer has been identified as Police Officer III Antonio Copeland, a 16.5-year veteran of the Montgomery County Police Department. He is assigned to the Field Services Bureau.

The Independent Investigations Division, with the assistance of the Maryland State Police Crash Team, continues to investigate the circumstances of the fatal pursuit. To read the original news release, click [here](#).

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